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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents, Public School Academies, and Directors and Representatives of Teacher Education Programs (DARTEP)

FROM: Joseph Martineau, Ph.D. *JM*
Deputy Superintendent for Accountability Services

SUBJECT: Michigan Online Educator Certification System Temporary Suspension

In response to teacher certification administrative rule changes that will become effective September 1, 2013, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) will be temporarily disabling the Michigan Online Educator Certification System (MOECS) from 12:00am on Sunday, September 1, 2013 through 12:00 noon on Tuesday, September 3, 2013, to implement required technical modifications and enhancements.

Effective September 1, 2013, administrative rule changes will expand options for using State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECHs) or semester credit hours to renew the Provisional Certificate OR using District Provided Professional Development (DPPD), SCECHs, or semester credit hours to advance to the Professional Education Certificate.

Individuals whose certificates expire June 30, 2013, are strongly advised NOT to wait until September 1, 2013, to renew their certificates or apply for the Professional Education Certificate. Teachers who choose to allow their certificates to lapse in order to take advantage of the new administrative rule changes, will NOT be able to process their applications and be issued a valid certificate before the start of the 2013-2014 school year which will render them ineligible to teach in Michigan.

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This notification has been developed by the MDE to ensure districts, educators, and educator preparation institution personnel have the information necessary to avoid a lapse in certificate validity, which will jeopardize an educator's employment as a classroom teacher or result in a state aid penalty to the employing school district, intermediate school district or public school academy.

Please contact the Office of Professional Preparation Services' MOECS Support Desk at (517) 373-3310 or via email at MOECSSupport@michigan.gov, if you have questions regarding this memorandum.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance